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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph between lines 3 and 4 on page 22 of the specification. Since this amendment to the specification involves only the addition of a new paragraph, Applicant is not providing a marked-up version of this new paragraph, as permitted by 37 C.F.R. §121(b)(iii).

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--- As shown in FIGURES 4 and 6, when the shear pin 156 breaks and the upper portion 142 and bracket 150 rotate about the pivot pin 154 with respect to the lower portion 144 and bracket 152, the brackets 150 and 152 remain attached to the upper portion 142 and the lower portion 144. Thus, as inherently evident from FIGURES 4 and 6, the bracket 150 is attached to the upper portion 142 with a failure strength which is greater than the failure strength of the shear pin 156, and the bracket 152 is attached to the lower portion 144 with a failure strength which is greater than the failure strength of the shear pin 156. ---.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant is amending the claims so that, after amendment, they will read as set forth in the clean version of the claims which appears below. For the convenience of the Examiner, all of the pending claims are set forth below, whether amended or not. Further, the claims are set forth below in logical order, rather than in numerical order. Enclosed with this Amendment is a marked-up version of each amended claim, showing in bold type the changes which have been made by this Amendment.

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5. A breakaway support post for mounting a guardrail thereon as part of a highway guardrail system comprising:

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